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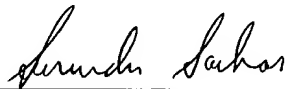
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Sir:

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国際調査報告

(法 8 条、法施行規則第40、41条)
[PCT 18条、PCT規則43、44]

出願人又は代理人 の書類記号 SK00PCT96	今後の手続きについては、国際調査報告の送付通知様式(PCT/ISA/220)及び下記5を参照すること。		
国際出願番号 PCT/JP00/07475	国際出願日 (日.月.年) 25.10.00	優先日 (日.月.年) 25.10.99	
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b. この国際出願は、ヌクレオチド又はアミノ酸配列を含んでおり、次の配列表に基づき国際調査を行った。

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☐ この国際出願と共に提出されたフレキシブルディスクによる配列表

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2. ☐ 請求の範囲の一部の調査ができない(第I欄参照)。

3. ☐ 発明の単一性が欠如している(第II欄参照)。

4. 発明の名称は ☒ 出願人が提出したものを承認する。

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5. 要約は ☒ 出願人が提出したものを承認する。

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6. 要約書とともに公表される図は、

第 26 図とする。 ☒ 出願人が示したとおりである。

☐ なし

☐ 出願人は図を示さなかった。

☐ 本図は発明の特徴を一層よく表している。

A. 発明の属する分野の分類 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

Int. Cl⁷ G06F12/00, G06F12/14, G06F13/00

B. 調査を行った分野

調査を行った最小限資料 (国際特許分類 (IPC))

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最小限資料以外の資料で調査を行った分野に含まれるもの

日本国実用新案公報 1926-1996
日本国公開実用新案公報 1971-2000
日本国登録実用新案公報 1994-2000
日本国実用新案登録公報 1996-2000

国際調査で使用した電子データベース (データベースの名称、調査に使用した用語)

C. 関連すると認められる文献

引用文献の カテゴリー*	引用文献名 及び一部の箇所が関連するときは、その関連する箇所の表示	関連する 請求の範囲の番号
A	日経エレクトロニクス, 第738号, 8.3月.1999 (東京) 高橋 史忠 外 "特集 コ ンテンツ配信 音楽配信マッタナシ 整備急ぐ著作権保護技術" p. 87 - 111	1 - 6
A	日経エレクトロニクス, 第739号, 22.3月.1999 (東京) 芳尾 太郎 "解説 ディ ジタル著作権 小型メモリ・カードで音楽著作権を守る" p. 49 - 53	1 - 6
A	JP,9-55731,A(ソニー株式会社), 25.2月.1997 (25.02.97), ファミリーなし	1 - 6
A	US, 5822771, A (FUJITSU LTD), 13.10月.1998(13.10.98) & JP,6-324858, A, 25.11月.1994 (25.11.94)	1 - 6

☐ C欄の続きにも文献が列挙されている。☐ パテントファミリーに関する別紙を参照。

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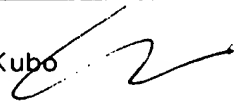
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International application No. PCT/JP00/07475	
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Applicant SONY CORPORATION et al	International filing date (day/month/year) 25 October 2000 (25.10.00) Priority date (day/month/year) 25 October 1999 (25.10.99)

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<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE		
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Applicant SONY CORPORATION et al		

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:

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In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

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The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 03 May 2001 (03.05.01) under No. WO 01/31452

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a **demand for international preliminary examination** must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the **national phase**, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP00/07475

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ G06F12/00, G06F12/14, G06F13/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.Cl⁷ G06F12/00, G06F12/14, G06F13/00

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1926-1996 Toroku Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1994-2000
Kokai Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1971-2000 Jitsuyo Shinan Toroku Koho 1996-2000

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	Fumitada TAKAHASHI et al., "Tokushu : Contents Haishin; Ongaku Haishin mattanashi; Seibi isogu Chosakuken Hogo Gijutsu", Nikkei Electronics, No.738, 08 March, 1999 (Tokyo) pp. 87 - 111	1 - 6
A	Taro YOSHIO, "Kaisetsu Digital Chosakuken; Kogata Memory Card de Ongaku Chosakuken wo mamoru" Nikkei Electronics, No.739, 22 March, 1999 (Tokyo) pp. 49 - 53	1 - 6
A	JP, 9-55731, A (Sony Corporation), 25 February, 1997 (25.02.97) (Family: none)	1 - 6
A	US, 5822771, A (FUJITSU LTD), 13 October, 1998 (13.10.98) & JP, 6-324858, A 25 November, 1994 (25.11.94)	1 - 6

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:
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